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2018 ESSA School Index, Accountability At-A-Glance Reports Released

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education released today the 2018 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Index and Accountability At-A-Glance reports. The reports include data from the 2017-2018 school year, including 2018 ACT Aspire results.

Previously, school performance data was released in April in the year following administration of the statewide assessment. In response to stakeholder feedback, ADE worked diligently to shorten the timeline for the data release to allow schools to use the latest information to make data-driven decisions to impact student learning this school year.

"As we seek to lead the nation in student-focused education, it is essential that our educators, parents and community members have timely data and information that will help drive their education decisions," ADE Commissioner Johnny Key said. "We listened to our stakeholders and are pleased to release this important information sooner than we ever have before. I am extremely proud of the ADE team for valuing the input from our stakeholders and for working hard to make the data available six months earlier."

Both the 2018 ESSA School Index and Accountability At-A-Glance reports are available on ADE's My School Info website: https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov. The Accountability At-A-Glance, a quick overview of each school's state (letter grade) and federal accountability results, can be found on the My School Info page under the School Rating tab. For more details about each school's data, please read the ESSA School Index report, which includes students' weighted achievement and growth on state required assessments for grades three through 10, graduation rates, and school quality and student success indicators. Please follow these easy steps to access the school reports: https://bit.ly/20so93y. Videos also are available on the My School Info website: https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov.

Below are the total number of schools that received letter grades ranging from A to F.

| Grade Span | Number of Schools | A | В | С | D | F |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Elementary | 527 | 66 (12.52%) | 157 (29.79%) | 200 (37.95%) | 72 (13.66%) | 32 (6.07%) |
| Middle | 202 | 41 | 65 | 63 | 30 | 3 |

| Level | | (20.30%) | (32.18%) | (31.19%) | (14.85%) | (1.49%) |
|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| High School | 305 | 45 (14.75%) | 91 (29.84%) | 117 (38.36%) | 43 (14.10%) | 9 (2.95%) |
| Totals | 1,034 | 152 | 313 | 380 | 145 | 44 |

In addition to releasing the ESSA School Index and Accountability At-A-Glance reports today, ADE launched a new webpage recognizing Schools on the Move Toward

Excellence: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10qxnnazwd1FotHQcVJ6KFy8XtrdMzDxk616dkcfB6BY/edit.

ADE also notified districts leaders that 43 schools will qualify for comprehensive support and 145 schools will qualify for additional targeted support from the department.

All stakeholders, including students, parents, educators and community members, are encouraged to review their schools' data and have conversations about how the education needs for all students can be met.

Additional information about Arkansas' ESSA plan, as well as informational documents, is available on the ADE website at https://bit.ly/2aN1zjl.

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